

# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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### **COMPARISON OF NEW, OLD COURT RULES FOR JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE**

LANSING, MI, February 19, 2003 – A comparison of new and former rules governing juvenile proceedings is now available on the Michigan Supreme Court web site, the Court announced today.

A side-by-side comparison, as well as a version showing changes using strikeouts and underscoring, may be viewed on the “Rule Amendments and Administrative Orders” page at <http://www.courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/index.htm#199850>. The new rules will go into effect on May 1, 2003.

State Court Administrator John D. Ferry Jr. stated that the summaries “are intended as an educational resource for judges, court staff, attorneys and the general public. Everyone should bear in mind, however, that there is no substitute for reading the new rules themselves.”

The new juvenile proceeding rules are based on proposals submitted by the Family Division Joint Rules Committee, a committee appointed by the Supreme Court. The rule amendments are designed to update current rules, which were adopted before the family division of circuit court was created in 1998. Juvenile cases were formerly heard in the juvenile division of probate court; those cases are now heard in the circuit court’s family division.

The revised rules address changes in state and federal law regarding delinquency cases, child protective proceedings, criminal prosecutions of juveniles as adults, and other matters involving children.

The new rules regarding juvenile proceedings are located in new subchapter 3.900 of the Michigan Court Rules, replacing subchapter 5.900, which governed procedure in the former juvenile division of probate court. The changes regarding criminal cases involving juveniles are amendments to existing subchapter 6.900 of the Michigan Court Rules. A few rules in other chapters are amended to correct references to the new juvenile rules.